

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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## BUDGET RESOLUTION/Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit

**SUBJECT:** Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 2000-2009 . . . S.Con. Res. 20. Domenici motion to table the Rockefeller amendment No. 196.

### ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 54-45

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S.Con. Res. 20, the Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 2000-2009: will cut the debt held by the public (money that the Federal Government owes to creditors other than itself) in half over 10 years; will fully fund Medicare (all of the President's proposed \$9 billion in Medicare cuts were rejected; as a result, this budget will allow \$20.4 billion more in Medicare spending over the next 10 years); will save the entire \$1.8 trillion in Social Security surpluses over the next 10 years for Social Security; will provide for \$778 billion in net tax relief over the next 10 years (in contrast, the President's budget would increase the tax burden by \$96 billion net over 10 years), and will adhere to the spending restraints (discretionary spending caps and pay-go provisions) of the bipartisan budget agreement as enacted in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the Taxpayer Reform Act of 1997 (the President's proposed budget, in contrast, would dramatically increase spending in violation of that bipartisan agreement, and would result in \$2.2 trillion more in total Federal debt at the end of 10 years than proposed in this Senate budget).

**The Rockefeller amendment** would create a reserve fund that would allow the functional totals to be adjusted to provide a prescription drug coverage benefit under Medicare if legislation were enacted to modernize and strengthen Medicare and if the provision of such a benefit did not cause an on-budget deficit.

After debate, Senator Domenici moved to table the Rockefeller amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

**Those favoring** the motion to table contended:

We should wait until a bipartisan Medicare reform package is put together before we start trying to set aside funding for

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YEAS (54)		NAYS (45)		NOT VOTING (1)	
Republicans (54 or 100%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (45 or 100%)	Republicans (1)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Helms	Akaka	Kennedy	McCain- <sup>2</sup>	
Allard	Hutchinson	Baucus	Kerrey		
Ashcroft	Hutchison	Bayh	Kerry	<b>EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:</b> 1—Official Business 2—Necessarily Absent 3—Illness 4—Other  <b>SYMBOLS:</b> AY—Announced Yea AN—Announced Nay PY—Paired Yea PN—Paired Nay	
Bennett	Inhofe	Biden	Kohl		
Bond	Jeffords	Bingaman	Landrieu		
Brownback	Kyl	Boxer	Lautenberg		
Bunning	Lott	Breaux	Leahy		
Burns	Lugar	Bryan	Levin		
Campbell	Mack	Byrd	Lieberman		
Chafee	McConnell	Cleland	Lincoln		
Cochran	Murkowski	Conrad	Mikulski		
Collins	Nickles	Daschle	Moynihan		
Coverdell	Roberts	Dodd	Murray		
Craig	Roth	Dorgan	Reed		
Crapo	Santorum	Durbin	Reid		
DeWine	Sessions	Edwards	Robb		
Domenici	Shelby	Feingold	Rockefeller		
Enzi	Smith, Bob	Feinstein	Sarbanes		
Fitzgerald	Smith, Gordon	Graham	Schumer		
Frist	Snowe	Harkin	Torricelli		
Gorton	Specter	Hollings	Wellstone		
Gramm	Stevens	Inouye	Wyden		
Grams	Thomas	Johnson			
Grassley	Thompson				
Gregg	Thurmond				
Hagel	Voinovich				
Hatch	Warner				

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particular elements such a reform package may contain.

**Those opposing** the motion to table contended:

Senior citizens on Medicare deserve a prescription drug benefit. This amendment would create a credible reserve fund to accommodate legislation to give such a benefit if a Medicare reform bill is first passed. The amendment also has been crafted to guarantee that giving this benefit would not result in an on-budget deficit. We urge our colleagues to oppose the motion to table this meritorious proposal.